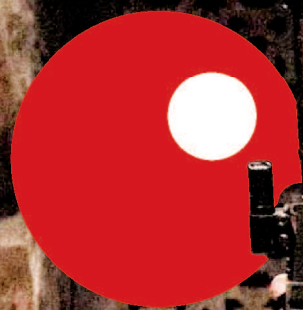


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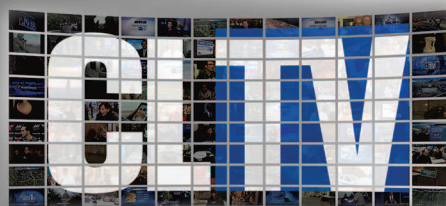


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Elizabeth Taylor's glamorous life

Queen of Hollywood dies at 79 after 7-decade career

Los Angeles Times

Elizabeth Taylor, the glamorous queen of American movie stardom whose achievements as an actress often were overshadowed by her rapturous looks and real-life dramas, died Wednesday. She was 79.

Taylor died of congestive heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in L.A., publicist Sally Morrison said. She had been hospitalized six weeks ago.

"My mother was an extraordinary woman who lived life to the fullest, with great passion, humor and love," her son Michael Wilding said in a statement. "We will always be inspired by her enduring contribution to our world. Her remarkable body of work in film, her ongoing success as a businesswoman and her brave and relentless advocacy in the fight against HIV/AIDS all make us all incredibly proud of what she accomplished."

During a career that spanned seven decades, the legendary beauty with lavender eyes won two Oscars and made more than 50 films, performing alongside such fabled leading men as Spencer Tracy, Marlon Brando and Richard Burton, whom she married twice. She took her cues from a Who's Who of directors.

Long after she faded from the screen, she remained a mesmerizing figure, blessed and cursed by the extraordinary celebrity that molded her life through its many phases: She was a child star who bloomed gracefully into a beautiful woman; a femme fatale on the screen and in life; a canny peddler of high-priced perfume; a pioneering activist in the fight against AIDS.

Some actresses won more awards and critical acclaim, but none matched Taylor's hold on the collective imagination. In the public's mind, she was the dark goddess for whom playing Cleopatra, as she did with such notoriety, required no great leap from reality.

Her passions were legend. She loved to eat, which led to well-publicized battles with weight over the years. She loved men, dating many of the world's richest and most famous, including Frank Sinatra, Henry Kissinger and Malcolm Forbes, and married eight times, including the two visits to the altar with Burton.

She loved jewels, amassing huge and expensive baubles the way children collect toys.

But Taylor attracted misfortune too. According to one chronicler, she suffered more



Elizabeth Taylor, circa 1955. Below, with Michael Jackson in 1993.

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FRIENDSHIP WITH MICHAEL JACKSON

"Liz Taylor was an amazing woman and screen legend," Jackson's sister, LaToya Jackson, said in a statement. "She was an incredible friend to my brother, at his side through some of his most difficult times and of course loved by his children and our family. She will live on in our hearts forever. My prayers go out to her family." CNN

than 70 illnesses, injuries and accidents requiring hospitalization. By her own count, she nearly died four times.

She often was likened to heroines in Tennessee Williams plays, a characterization Taylor

did not dispute.

It meant, she once told the Los Angeles Times, "steamy, full of drama. I'm sure they didn't mean it kindly. Tennessee's heroines are all fraught. They're all on the brink of disaster."

A legacy of AIDS advocacy

Los Angeles Times

Elizabeth Taylor had many gay friends and, as the AIDS epidemic mushroomed, some of them were dying. In 1985, she became the most prominent celebrity to back what was then a most unfashionable cause. She agreed to chair the first major AIDS benefit, a fund-raising dinner for the nonprofit AIDS Project Los Angeles.

She began calling her A-list friends to solicit their support. Some of Hollywood's biggest stars (Sinatra reportedly among them) turned her down. Taylor redoubled her efforts.

Thanks to Taylor's high profile, the star-studded AIDS fundraiser netted \$1 million and attracted 2,500 guests, including former first lady Betty Ford. Randy Shilts, who wrote the pioneering AIDS chronicle "And the Band Played On," said Taylor had a profound effect.

"Elizabeth Taylor got AIDS on 'Entertainment Tonight,' and you can't underestimate the value of that kind of exposure," Shilts said. "It made the disease something that respectable people could talk about."

Taylor went on to co-found the first national organization devoted to backing AIDS research, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, or AmFAR. In 1991 she formed the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, which directly supports AIDS education and patient care.

In 2000, Queen Elizabeth made her a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, an honor on the level of knighthood.

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THE GREAT DEBATE
THE SETUP: Recent news stories have tried to explain the trend of guys taking longer to mature. Is the modern 20-something dude a cool new breed of man, or does he need to act his age?

Do modern men need to grow up?



This isn't just a guy thing

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Ladies, absorb the following sentence: Men want sex and we don't want to have to work hard to get it. Will we? Sure!

A while back, the three-date minimum was the norm. We were willing to go through the entire job interview that is modern dating and do it with a smile. Now, we get "What are you doing?" texts at 2 a.m.

The issue comes in managing your expectations. As women change, men are presented with more options. We don't have to get married and procreate at 20. We're living longer than ever, so why not take our time?

As for the "growing up" thing, what are you referring to? Oh, we putz around on the computer all day? Let me ask you this: How's that Facebook treating you?

Oh, we won't take you out? Maybe it's because, as **slate.com** reports, earnings for 25- to 34-year-old dudes are down 20 percent since 1971. I work my butt off and so do all of my friends.

Maybe it's time you start branching out for someone who isn't exactly like the last three guys you dated. You say men should grow up? We're not the only ones.

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Dude, show me some men

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Let's be honest: I loved college. You loved college. We all loved college. When I heard that "I Love College" song, I was all like, "Maaan, why wasn't this around when I was in college?"

But we're growing up. And I ask, as so many young women wonder these days: Where are the men?

I'm not talking about the dudes. We're surrounded by dudes and their video games and lack of manners. I'm talking about real, live men, the ones who know how to use tools and aren't themselves tools.

This goes beyond "SportsCenter" and "Madden." Women have changed too—we aren't afraid to admit we like having sex. This development has turned many 20-something guys into sexual Tasmanian Devils, whirling and slobbering everywhere they please. Women now are torn between waiting for a romantic, non-stinky Pepe Le Pew and those drooling tornadoes.

But there's a third road. (Ladies, this is for you too.) The thing is, if men take women on dates and say nice things to us and allow us to feel secure and loved, we will have more sex with you than you could possibly imagine. Everybody wins. So man up already—we might even make you waffles.

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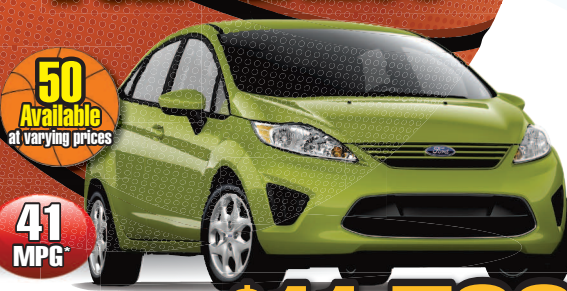


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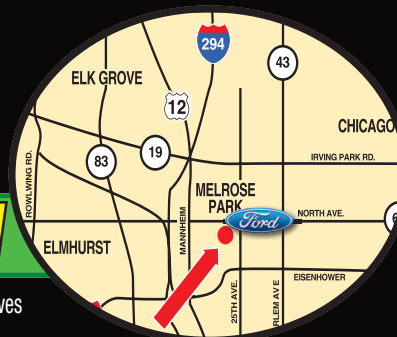
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Ald. Willie Cochran (20th) speaks with third-graders Tuesday at Kershaw Elementary School. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Election isn't over yet

Can rapper Che 'Rhymefest' Smith beat incumbent Willie Cochran in 20th Ward?

Chicago Tribune

Only one of the remaining candidates in Chicago's 20th Ward holds down a job as a rapper, but both contenders are falling back on a hip-hop adage as the contest enters its final days: Don't believe the hype.

Amid outsize attention for an aldermanic race, Ald. Willie Cochran, a former city cop, and Grammy winner Che "Rhymefest" Smith continue to tout their agendas for pulling the South Side ward out of its economic doldrums and solving stubbornly high crime rates. Each insists his ideas set him apart as both vie for the right to represent parts of Englewood, Washington Park, Woodlawn and Back of the Yards on the City Council.

Yet the candidate who wins April 5 might end up thanking the efficiency of his campaign apparatus rather than the sweep of his vision or the compelling nature of his history. With many Chicagoans thinking the elec-



Che "Rhymefest" Smith. MIKE RICH/REDEYE FILE

tion ended last month when Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor, it's been a challenge for candidates in this and the 13 other aldermanic runoffs to remind voters it ain't over yet.

Talking to campaign volunteers at his headquarters on South Cottage Grove Avenue on Saturday morning, Cochran returned to the importance of every vote.

"Represent us well, represent yourself well because when you are out there talk-

ing, people are saying, 'This is Alderman Cochran,'" he said.

Alongside the traditional Chicago politicking, there has been plenty of background noise in the contest.

Smith held a news conference Tuesday urging the media to stop focusing on his 2005 misdemeanor weapons conviction and his rap career. He has recorded two albums as Rhymefest and collected a 2005 Grammy for co-writing Kanye West's breakout hit "Jesus Walks."

The candidate called for more attention on the lack of jobs and other ills facing the hardscrabble ward, all while his Grammy Award was displayed on a nearby table.

Cochran, meanwhile, said Smith's celebrity has allowed the challenger to avoid tough questions about his ability to govern.

"Of course, he's a great performer on-stage, but that doesn't translate into public policy," he said.

MJ making comeback—to restaurant business

Chicago Tribune

A Michael Jordan-branded restaurant is returning to Chicago after a 12-year absence.

Michael Jordan's Steak House will open in late summer in the second-floor dining room and ground-floor bar area of the InterContinental Chicago on North Michigan Avenue.

Chicago-based Strategic Hotels & Resorts, which owns the hotel, will own the restaurant. InterContinental will manage it, while licensing the Michael Jordan name from Jump Higher LLC, which is based in Chicago and managed by The Cornerstone Restaurant Group.

The steakhouse will replace Zest and construction is set to begin by early June, said Richard Moreau, an executive vice president of Strategic Hotels.

"Zest is essentially a hotel dining room, and it really didn't provide what that hotel needed, which is a very special occasion restaurant," he said.

This would be the third Michael Jordan's steakhouse. Jump Higher and Cornerstone Group own and operate the steakhouse in the Mohegan Sun casino in Connecticut.

And The Glazier Group, which filed for bankruptcy in November, manages another location in New York City's Grand Central Terminal and several other high-end restaurants.

Cornerstone's CEO David Zadikoff has a long-standing relationship with Jordan, dating to the original Michael Jordan's Restaurant on North LaSalle Street, which closed in 1999 amid legal battles in which Jordan accused controlling partners Gene and Joe Silverberg of, among other things, smearing him in the media.

Zadikoff, a former Hyatt food-and-beverage executive, ran Jordan's in the mid-1990s on behalf of Hyatt.

Jordan won the case in 2000, which freed him to launch the steakhouse chain.

THE DIGIT

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Block 37, the star-crossed shopping center in the Loop, was sold at auction Wednesday to Bank of America for \$100 million. The sale means Bank of America will take title to the mall at 108 N. State St., officially ending developer Joseph Freed and Associates' ownership of the property. TRIBUNE

Emanuel stays neutral

The final weeks of the 20th Ward election so far are playing out without the participation of Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel. Though Emanuel has made endorsements in eight of the 14 runoffs, he has not taken sides in the race between Cochran and Smith.

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Are shoppers getting tired of Groupon?

CNN

After Gilt Groupies changed the 12 o'clock hour and Chicago-based Groupon made vouchers cool, users may finally be over it all.

Traffic to flash sales and daily deal sites has been dropping during the past few months, according to online traffic monitor comScore. Gilt is down 22 percent since the start of 2011, and Groupon has fallen off 13 percent during the same time period. (Both still are up year over year.)

Considering the eruption of new deal sites, it's not surprising that more shoppers are boycotting rather than buying.

In just the past two years, daily deals and flash sale sites have grown so huge that they inspired a slew of copycats—such as LivingSocial, Buy-WithMe, Rue La La, ideeli, Beyond the Rack, Swirl and HauteLook—and second-market sites where consumers can unload those impulse purchases.

Sales at these sites grew 60 percent in 2009 and 70 percent in 2010, according to American Express Business Insights, which tracks the spending habits of its 90 million cardholders. But now consumers may have hit their saturation point.

Leslie Holland, 49, said she occasionally buys deals from Groupon and LivingSocial when they offer discounts at stores or restaurants near her home, but otherwise deletes sale notifications from Rue La La, Gilt and Swirl among others.

"I delete at least 100-150 e-mails a day, most from sale sites," she said. "Too many sales start at noon and I can't stop in the middle of my day to buy things I don't need."

Boy, mom injured in West Englewood fire

Chicago Tribune

A 5-year-old boy was seriously injured in a fire as at least three blazes were reported throughout the city in neighborhoods including West Englewood, Roseland and the South Loop.

The boy was injured Wednesday in a fire that started after he went into the basement of his home in West Englewood on the South Side, family members say.

The boy, identified by family members as



Beating victims Gregory Malandrucchio (left) and Matthew Clark show a video of their 2010 attack in Bucktown. They are offering a \$10,000 reward for their attackers' identities. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

A \$10K reward

Men say they were beaten by plainclothes officers—now they're offering money to find their attackers

Chicago Tribune

Two friends who believe they were beaten by plainclothes Chicago police officers last year outside a Bucktown restaurant offered a \$10,000 reward Wednesday for information leading to the identity of the attackers.

The reward offer comes a year after Matthew Clark and Gregory Malandrucchio filed a federal lawsuit against the city over the early-morning beating outside Arturo's Tacos at 2001 N. Western Ave. Both said they sustained concussions and facial injuries in what they called an unprovoked attack in February 2010.

The two don't know who attacked them but believe the assailants were plainclothes officers in part because several patrol officers who arrived on the scene didn't arrest the attackers. Attorneys from the law firm of Loevy & Loevy who are representing Clark and Malandrucchio also have sued those patrol officers.

At least two nearby surveillance cameras

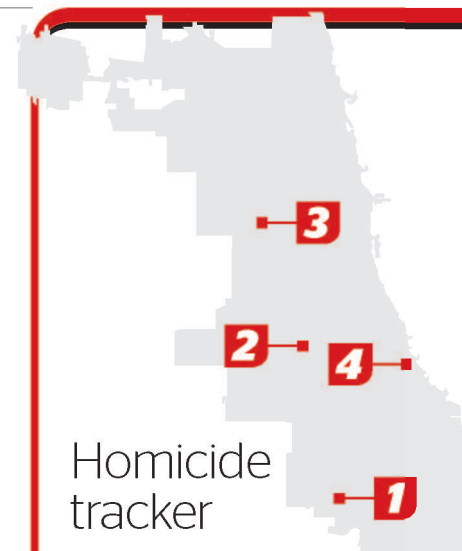
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At least two Chicago police officers have been stripped of their police powers and placed on desk duty after a videotape was made public in which the officers stood by as a crowd taunted a youth sitting in a squad car, the department said Wednesday. Police are investigating the incident.

captured the beating, though the faces of the assailants cannot be clearly seen. Clark, a management consultant, and Malandrucchio, a University of Chicago lecturer, hope the reward money will produce witnesses to the attack who might know the assailants' identities.

At a news conference at his West Town office, Loevy released improved footage of the beating that shows the two assailants pummeling Clark and Malandrucchio.

The case is being reviewed by the Independent Police Review Authority.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Woodlawn on Monday saw its fifth homicide of 2011, which puts it among the community areas with the most homicides so far this year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

A 46-year-old woman was found beaten to death Monday in the 1500 block of East 65th Street, police said. That was Woodlawn's second homicide this month. Humboldt Park also has recorded five homicides this year, RedEye determined.

Woodlawn saw eight homicides last year and 10 homicides in 2009, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in East Garfield Park, West Englewood and West Pullman in the past week, RedEye found.

So far March has seen 15 homicides. Thirty-one homicides were recorded in March 2010, RedEye determined.

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Homicides from March 16 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

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Date: March 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 2 5700 BLOCK OF S. WINCHESTER AVE.**
Date: March 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 3 3400 BLOCK OF W. FULTON BLVD.**
Date: March 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 4 1500 BLOCK OF E. 65TH ST.**
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Iron and Wine, Ted Leo and Low will be among the headliners when the free Downtown Sound music series returns for its third summer at Millennium Park.

The series, presented by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events with the Chicago Office of Tourism and Culture, will offer 10 free concerts. Shows start at 6:30 p.m. Mondays from May 23 through July 25.



MAY 23: Bonnie "Prince" Billy featuring the Cairo Gang and special guest

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Rescued dogs arrive in Chicago

WGN

Dozens of dogs arrived in Chicago on Wednesday after being rescued from three puppy mills in Missouri.

According to the Anti-Cruelty Society, the organization received 27 dogs. The majority are small breeds of all ages.

"Potential adopters will be made aware of any medical conditions that these dogs have, due to poor treatment and conditions that they have been in, before considering

adopting one of these dogs," said Robyn Barbiers, president of The Anti-Cruelty Society.

"In the future, the dogs could require additional veterinary care, and their owners should expect to incur additional veterinary costs."

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Libya defenses in cross hairs

1 Western warplanes in Libya silenced Moammar Gadhafi's artillery and tanks besieging the rebel-held town of Misrata on Wednesday after an American admiral warned that the leader's armor now was in the cross hairs.

New Yahoo search service

2 Yahoo unveiled a revamped Internet search service Wednesday that showcases information from movie listings to weather forecasts as users type in a query. The new service is dubbed Search Direct.

Eiffel Tower evacuated again

3 Paris' Eiffel Tower was evacuated on Wednesday after a suspicious package was found at the base of one of the world's most visited tourist sites, the monument's operating company said.

Idaho passes abortion ban

4 The Idaho Senate on Wednesday approved a measure that would ban most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy and subject abortion providers who violate the ban to criminal prosecution and lawsuits.

Soldier: I killed for sport

5 A soldier accused of killing Afghan citizens for sport pleaded guilty Wednesday at the outset of a court martial proceeding at an Army base in Washington. Spc. Jeremy Morlock pleaded guilty to charges stemming from 2010.

Transgender lawsuit

6 A group of transgender residents have filed a lawsuit against New York City over what they say are burdensome requirements for them to change the gender on their birth certificates.

THE DIGIT

\$523 million

Major League Baseball emerged from the recession with a 7 percent jump in the average value of a team this year to an all-time high of \$523 million, Forbes magazine said Wednesday.

No more religion?

7 **LONDON** Religion will all but vanish eventually from nine Western-style democracies, a team of mathematicians predict in a new paper based on census data stretching back 100 years.

It won't die out completely, but "religion will be driven toward extinction" in countries including Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands, they say.

It also will wither away in Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland and Switzerland, they anticipate.

They can't make a prediction about the United States because the U.S. census doesn't ask about religion, lead author Daniel Abrams told CNN.

But nine other countries provide

enough data for detailed mathematical modeling, he said.

"If you look at the data, 'unaffiliated' is the fastest-growing group" in those countries, he said.

"We start with two big assumptions based on sociology," he explained.

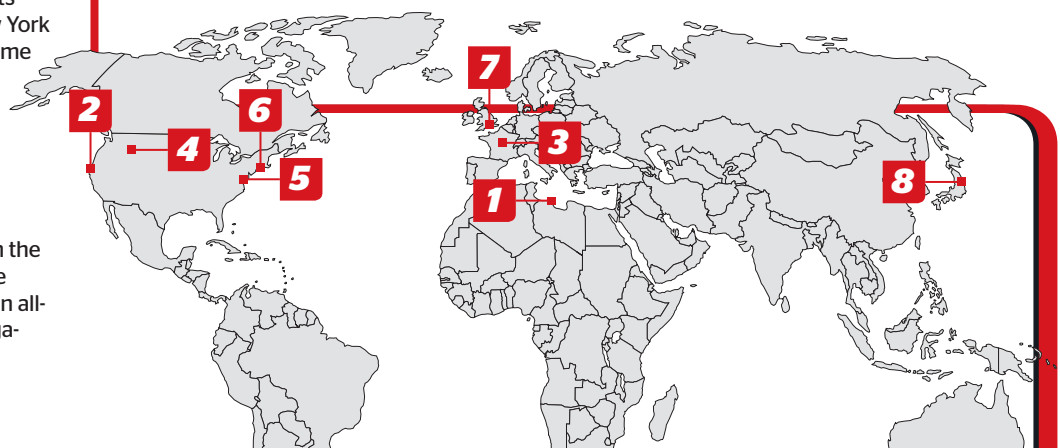
The first is that it's more attractive to be part of the majority than the minority, so as religious affiliation declines, it becomes more popular not to be a church-goer than to be one, he said.

The other assumption underlying the prediction is that there are social, economic and political advantages to being unaffiliated with a religion in the countries where it's in decline—what Abrams calls the utility effect.



Laid to rest

8 The coffins of tsunami-earthquake victims lie in front of an excavator Wednesday during a mass burial in Onagawa, Japan. The Japanese usually cremate remains, but local governments say a lack of fuel—which is desperately needed by homeless survivors for heat and transport—make burial more sensible. GETTY IMAGES



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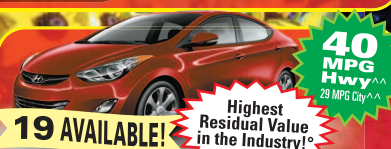
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DO YOU HEAR THAT? THE MEN BEHIND THE MIC ADD TO THE NCAA TOURNEY EXCITEMENT

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

With the eyes of a national TV audience watching March Madness, the pressure is on for them to deliver.

They study game film for hours a day. They learn the tendencies of coaches and players. They practice, prepare and practice some more. And finally, on game day, they suit up, step onto the court ... and look directly into a camera, microphone in hand.

Yes, the NCAA Tournament introduces us to Cinderellas and underdogs, but also to bombastic commentators such as Bill Raftery and Gus Johnson who bring the biggest games of the season to life to those watching on the edge of their seats at home.

Some might even go so far as to say the men behind the microphones are bigger stars than the players they're covering. The commentators themselves, of course, will hear nothing of it.

"I know we're a part of it," said Clark Kellogg, an NCAA hoops analyst for CBS. "But I don't think we're more important than the game. The game is always the show to me."

Yet, it's hard to deny the celebrity of the talking heads of March Madness. Dick Vitale's iconic call of "Awesome, baby!" gets shouted in commercials pimping products ranging from frozen pizza to Hooters restaurants. The most famous calls of Gus Johnson, who does play-by-play for the Big Ten Network during the regular season, rack up hundreds of thousands of hits on YouTube.

Johnson appreciates the recognition.

"It's wonderful. The fans are very complimentary," Johnson said. "It's nice when someone thinks you're OK on the job."

Fans think Johnson is more than OK. There are websites dedicated to his calls, Facebook fan pages and his name often is one of the top trending topics on Twitter when he's seen nationally.

"I just wanna have fun," he said. "I want to be 100 percent present in every moment of the game. I'm a fan and I love the game of basketball. I try tell good stories and echo the feelings going on in the gym. It's always an electric atmosphere. ...

"It's broadcast journalism, but there's a certain kind of theater about it. Sometimes it means forcing things a bit, but if the games aren't as good, you want to keep your energy up and keep people interested in watching."

Former Bull Steve Kerr doesn't subscribe to the Johnson school of broadcasting, but he's making a name for himself—again. Kerr won five titles combined with the Bulls and San Antonio over a long NBA career and appeared in a Final Four as a member of the Arizona Wildcats, but the former 3-point sharpshooter is now more famous for talking about basketball than playing it.

"It's funny because I talk to a lot of fans, and a lot of young people don't even know I played," said Kerr, who is a lead color analyst for CBS' tournament coverage this year. "They just know me from broadcasting."

Kenny Smith, a former college star and NBA player who is a studio analyst for the tournament, has his own broadcasting idol he enjoys hearing: Raftery, who is famous for dramatic calls such as "Send it in, big fella!" and "The kiss!"

"Bill Raftery has always been my favorite, I love his one-liners, and he's so colorful and so authentic," Smith said. "I remember back in the day when I was playing for the University of North Carolina and we'd be watching ACC games. If Bill wasn't doing the game, we'd mute the TV and I'd do my best impression of him in front of guys like Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins."

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Gus Johnson
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RISING AND FIRING WITH GUS

It's nearly impossible to fall asleep watching an NCAA Tournament game that Gus Johnson announces. Johnson has a way of calling games that likely would make watching paint dry exciting. Johnson talked to RedEye about a job he says isn't really a job at all. **R.S.**

Is it a lot of work to prepare to announce the NCAA Tournament?

Man, this isn't work. It's easy. There's no such as thing as work when it's watching a basketball game, especially when it's the greatest tournament we have in this country. It's a pleasure. It's pure fun. If I wasn't calling the game, I'd be watching it. It's not even a labor of love, it's just plain love. So take that word "work" out of your vocabulary.

Do you have any calls you'd like to use in a game, but haven't yet?

Sometimes I think about saying that the ball is "wet." In the streets, if someone was hitting, it's like you were throwing it into the ocean, so we'd say the ball is wet. The problem is that I'm not sure everyone would get it. You try to be creative, but this is national television, not a pickup game at Rucker Park.

Do you get recognized a lot now when you're out?

Yes and no. More so after I did the "Madden" football game. One time I was walking down the street with a hat and sunglasses and this guy walks by and said "Gus, tell the Knicks to make that trade for Carmelo." I was like "Oh, OK. I'll get right on the phone with Donnie Walsh." That kinda stuff freaks me out a little bit.

Do the players themselves ever react to things you talk about on broadcasts?

They watch the games, a lot of them say they like what you do. The other day I'm doing the Wisconsin game and Mike Bruesewitz reminds me that I told a story about how he once dressed as Orphan Annie for Halloween. He came up to me and said, "Man, I gotta give you some new material."



Dick Vitale



Clark Kellogg



Steve Kerr



Marv Albert

What are they saying?

For March Madness newbies, commentators can sound like they are speaking a foreign language. Along with general basketball terminology, many of them have their own catchphrases and lingo. We've compiled a short glossary of some of the quirky phrases you might overhear during the tournament. **R.S.**

ONIONS!

A big or important shot/play—Bill Raftery

Yesss, and it counts

A player makes a shot while being fouled—
Marv Albert

Dipsy-doo dunkaroo

A particularly flashy slam dunk—Dick Vitale

Diaper dandy

A sensational freshman player—Dick Vitale

SPURTABILITY

A team's ability to score points quickly
—Clark Kellogg

Lingerie on the deck

A player easily eludes a defender—Bill Raftery

Rise and fire

Used to describe a player shooting a jump shot—Gus Johnson

HE'S AN ASSASSIN!

A player shooting extremely well—Kevin Harlan

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1 How would you describe the two games the Bulls have played this week?	Like having Stephen Hawking to do a first-grade math test. Too easy.	[In John Wayne voice] Those weren't games. Those were annihilations.	Two wins by a combined 73 points? Ring-ready.	Too big, too fast, too strong, too good.	They went Bullistic.
2 What argument could you make against Derrick Rose as MVP?	Well, he did miss that one shot that one time.	He's known for forgetting to return library books on time. Otherwise, give the man his prize.	Rose will be monopolizing all the hardware-winning this season.	Not enough tattoos (King James) technical fouls (Dwight Howard) or arrests (Kobe).	He has an unfair advantage: He's better than everyone else.
3 What's your Sweet 16 upset special?	I would definitely be upset if Kansas advanced any further.	Lacey will cry when her dad fails to book Justin Bieber for the party. Settle for the kid from "Modern Family"?	No question. DePaul worn over No. 2 seed Duke.	I didn't call it and I hate to admit it, but Marquette is this year's Butler.	Marquette over Carolina.
4 What would be your trademark call as a college basketball announcer?	"Gimme some toast with that jam!" or something less lame.	"The shot is up ... kerplunk!"	"And for the first time in school history, Doug Bruno and the Blue Demons are national champs!"	"Da na na, da na na. Hey, Hey."	"Put 'em on a stick and roast them."
5 A spring training Cubs-White Sox matchup is like a pizza with no toppings. You'll take it, but it could be so much better.	... Jordan and Bird sneaking into an alley for a fistfight. Feeling lucky, Larry?	... the "Windy City Classic," which includes MJ in the lineup—let's get to April 1 already.	... the South Side Irish parade.	... winter weather in late in March. Wrong place, wrong time, just wrong.

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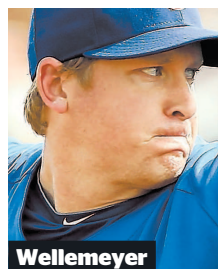
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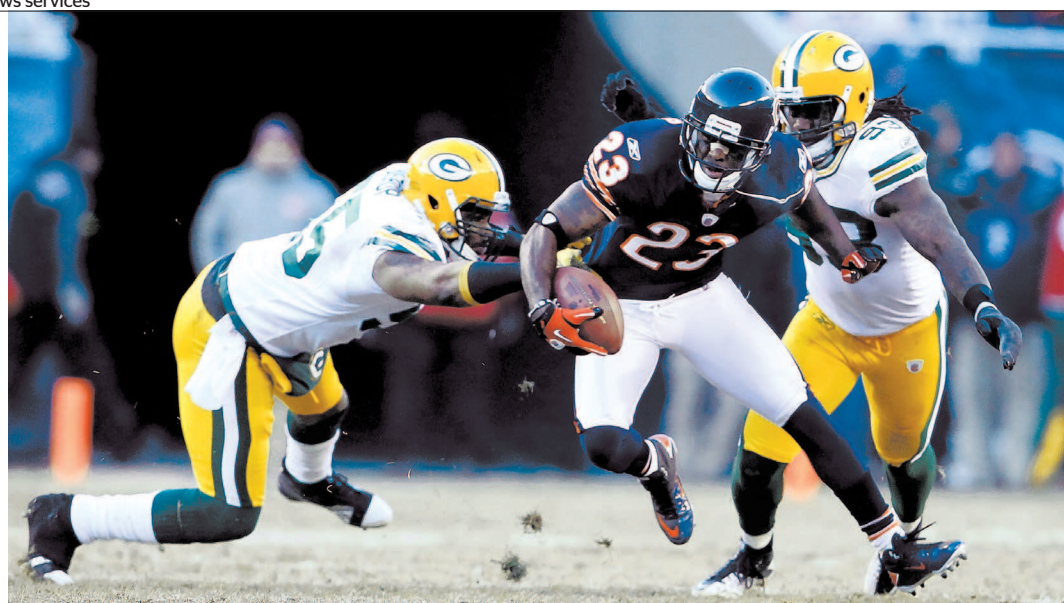
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The Cubs assigned left-hander Scott Maine and right-hander Justin Berg to minor league camp Wednesday, along with Todd Wellemeyer and Angel Guzman, who is rehabbing from shoulder surgery. Manager Mike Quade said Maine needs to work on his command, Berg has to keep his sinker and slider down and Wellemeyer simply has to get well after having a hip problem this spring.

OPENING DAY COUNTDOWN **8 DAYS**

Until the Cubs, Sox
openers.



Because of a rule the NFL adopted this offseason, Bears fans likely will have fewer chances to see Devin Hester (center) returning kickoffs. **NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE FILE**

Bears' season already over

Thanks, NFL, for ending the Bears' season. We owe you.

Don't laugh, I'm not exaggerating. Kickoffs moved to the 35. That means every team will now kick it into the end zone or farther, pretty much eliminating Devin Hester.

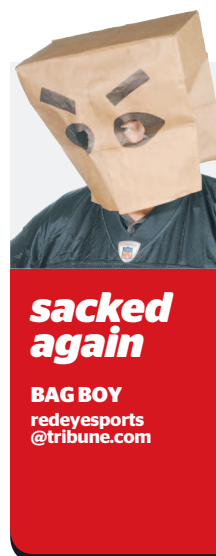
I can't believe they did this. Go ahead and eliminate one of the most exciting players in the game.

Hey, there is some upside. We can now trade him for a legitimate No. 1 wide receiver. Something we can actually use now.

This is, of course, providing the season begins on schedule, which I'm sure it won't.

Alternatives? I have none. Autumnal golf bores me; I've been to book clubs that were more exciting. NASCAR? I don't know. Going around in circles is something I do with my life, so it provides no escapism for me.

There may be one thing, though. We will finally say goodbye to Michael McCaskey. The guy who



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ended up running the operation after his grandfather died.

The movie equivalent is this: If the McCaskeys were the Corleones, somehow Fredo would have ended up being the Don.

And that's a tragedy. You broke my heart, Fredo ... you broke my heart.

Now we get George McCaskey. I'm not going to venture an opinion—mostly because his last name is McCaskey.

Attention: If you're a Halas, legitimate or otherwise, now would be a really good time to step up and claim some of this. It worked for Oprah's sister; make this work for you!

I realize I'm jumping the gun with football when there's so much baseball to endure.

The White Sox: Um, Jake Peavy alert. Looks like damaged goods to me. Add that to Mark Buehrle whining about retiring, and I'm seeing 40 percent of the rotation up in smoke.

I would complain about the Cubs' rotation, but I don't know who they are.

By the way, I love it when I'm right. I said Notre Dame and Illinois would be easy outs, and you can take the rest of the tourney off. Enjoy your free time, chumps, and don't claim Marquette, either. That's a Milwaukee team. We don't go there.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

BLACKHAWKS 4, FLORIDA 0

Corey Crawford stopped 23 shots as the Blackhawks picked up two more crucial points in their quest to qualify for the playoffs. Brent Seabrook, Patrick Kane, Viktor Stalberg and Tomas Kopecky scored for the Hawks (40-25-8, 88 points).

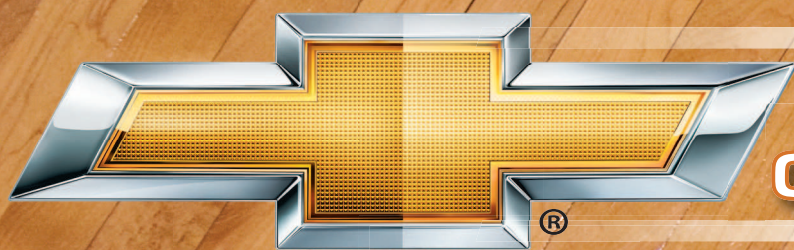
» Forward Calen Carr was traded to Houston in exchange for forward Dominic Odoro on Wednesday as the Fire engineered their second roster move of the day. Earlier, the Fire acquired 21-year-old Colombian defender Yamith Cuesta from Chivas USA in exchange for a 2012 draft pick.

GAME PLANNER

UConn vs. San Diego State
6 p.m. CBS

Arizona vs. Duke
8:30 p.m. CBS

Butler vs. Wisconsin
8:55 p.m. TBS



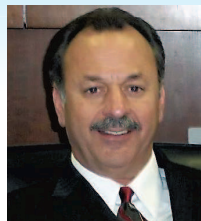
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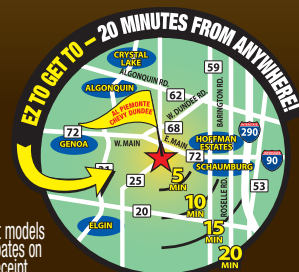
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Empty Bottle neighbor **Bite Cafe** (1039 N. Western Ave.) has reopened with a fresh look and menu.

CHEERS, LADIES

Female bartenders dish on what's fresh for spring

By Susan Oh

We love women behind bars: They can break hearts and concoct a drink to ease the pain all in one shot. From shot-pouring to crafting the perfect beer list as a cicerone, women play a major role in the Chicago bar scene. So it's bizarre to think female bartenders were banned by law, including in Chicago, as recently as the '70s. (Shenanigans on Rush claims to have defied a city ordinance and hired the city's first in 1971.) To toast March as Women's History Month, we tapped these four stirrers and shakers for signature spring drinks as fresh as the mixologists behind them.

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RAQUEL LEDUC

Three Aces

1321 W. Taylor St.
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She is: The Floridian is a third-generation bartender who learned from her mom. "She showed me how to be a host and that a margarita should be frothy, a Manhattan stirred and how to thoroughly clean a bar," LeDuc said. But it's the challenge of getting inside people's heads and sating their desire for the perfect cocktail that keeps her at the bar. "I love meeting people and getting to know their palate," said LeDuc, who moved to Chicago several years ago and now, with friend Rachael Smith, is presiding over the menu at Three Aces.

She's pouring: A cocktail dubbed Satan's Revival (\$9) made with North Shore No. 6 Gin, Koval Rose Hips Liqueur, Carpano Antica vermouth, fresh lemon and bitters. "It's floral, tall and thirst-quenching—wet enough to whet and awake the appetite," LeDuc said.

LYNN HOUSE

Blackbird

619 W. Randolph St. 312-715-0708

She is: A nationally lauded mixologist. Lightning struck when she enrolled in Southern Wine & Spirits' Academy of Spirits and Fine Service under iconic mixologist Bridget Albert. "Throughout classes and the school, [Albert's] presence was just intoxicating," House said. She talked her way into the gig at Graham Elliot to create a hit drinks menu. Now the resident mixologist at Blackbird, the effervescent House continues to rack up awards.

She's pouring: The Calypso (\$12), made with Pierre Ferrand cognac, cucumber juice, white tea, lavender, fresh lemon juice and simple syrup. "It's really light and fresh even though it's cognac ... the cucumber is bright and the tea clean," House said.



Rachael Smith
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RACHAEL SMITH

Bar DeVille 1958 W. Huron St. 312-929-2349

She is: The life of the party who got a job offer at the end. Smith's girl talk with a fellow guest at a Christmas party in '04 turned out to be an impromptu job interview with a general manager of Hard Rock Cafe. Except for a yearlong dalliance as a paramedic, Smith has always been behind the bar. "You don't tip 911," said Smith, who mixes at Bar DeVille and Three Aces. "[Bartending] is fun. Every night is different and I love the challenge of crafting a drink, pairing ingredients to invigorate the palate."

She's pouring: The Autoamericano (\$10), a combination of Rittenhouse rye, Campari, fresh lemon juice and dash of simple syrup, orange juice and orange bitters with a flamed orange peel. "Campari is the perfect summer drink and the rye pulls it back to spring, so it's citrusy and a little tart, with great aromatics," Smith said.

THE TICKER

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» **Market** (1113 W. Randolph) is looking to warmer days, launching new spring cocktails (including the Gin Gin Shandy with Tanqueray, ginger syrup and lemon) April 1.

» Thursday nights through May 5 will be fashion-focused at **The Underground** (56 W. Illinois St.), which launches its weekly style series March 31 with a new runway show each week.

» Draft Madness continues at **Public House** (400 N. State St.) this weekend. A beer is assigned to each team and the price drops 50 cents per advancement.



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DEJORN HUFFMAN Sable Kitchen & Bar

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She is: The Colorado native is a brand ambassador for ginger liqueur Domaine de Canton who stirs things up at Sable. "When I look behind the bar, I don't see just gin, vodka and rum," Huffman said. "I see years of dedication to craftsmanship and thousands of people's livelihoods. I feel like I'm part of something much bigger."

She's pouring: Honor Among Thieves (\$13), a mix of Bols Genever, Aperol, fresh lemon juice, simple syrup and touch of yellow Chartreuse. "It's a balanced cocktail—not overly sweet but it has a freshness to it that reminds me of spring," Huffman said.



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Ami Patel
29, health care consultant

How would you describe the vibe of this place?

Very trendy. It's the younger, up-and-coming crowd.

What are you drinking and why?

Vodka and soda because it's low in calories.

What are you most looking forward to about spring?

To be able to wear dresses again.



Brian Lane
26, works in logistics

What's the quintessential thing to drink while watching sports?

I would just say your beer of choice and/or your shot of choice. For me, it would probably be a Bud Light.

Have you ever dated someone who wasn't into sports?

Yes, it was awful. After the initial meeting, we're sitting on my couch watching sports with nothing to talk about.

Would you ever do it again?

I would if she was cute enough.



Marvin Mentor
28, event marketing

What brings you out tonight?

Hanging out with some friends, enjoying the tournament. Got a lot of my college friends here. I went to University of Kansas.

What are drinking and why?

Matilda. I'm not really a big beer fan, but I just started drinking Matilda because it's smooth. And the alcohol percentage is a lot higher. It's a good drink.

Could you date someone who wasn't into sports?

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Chicago rockers Mutts answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at metromix.com. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

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Describe your sound in five words or less.

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We want to work with John Lennon because he created and destroyed beautifully. We never want to work with John Lennon, because he probably smells horrific and by now doesn't have skin.

Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

Before Mutts, we had jobs dog walking, fixing A/C units, delivering beer, sorting beverage distribution, digging trenches, auditing, sell-

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ing interweb stuff, selling knives, passing out yellow pages, canvassing, sometimes calling/sometimes answering phones, cutting and delivering lumber, manicuring cemetery lawns and whacking railroad track weeds—which is significant in explaining why we are Mutts.

If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

The football in "Peanuts," because we would never get kicked.

What's the best album you've heard recently?

The ones Bailiff, This is Cinema, Company



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What song do you never want to hear again?

"Taps."

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Tower of Power, Tuesday, May 17 (\$25-\$30, 17+) at House of Blues.

Bob Newhart, Saturday, Oct. 22 (\$37.50-\$57.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

James Blake, Sunday, May 15 (\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

Farewell Continental, Into It Over It, Sunday, June 19 (\$12-\$15, all ages) at Schubas.

Sam Roberts Band, Zeus, Tuesday, June 7 (\$15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Tame Impala, Yuck, Wednesday, May 4 (\$14, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Timbre Timbre, Friday, May 20 (\$12, 21+) at Schubas.

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Thursday, June 30 (\$40, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

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Fred Everything, Fortune, Friday, April 29 (\$5-\$13, 21+) at Smart Bar.

Melvins, Tuesday, May 31, Wednesday, June 1 (\$25-\$40, 21+) at Double Door.

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Can your band make the cut?

The winning act will headline our annual concert

By Matt Pais

Here at Metromix, we love our Chicago bands. The problem: There are so many great local artists that readers don't know enough about.

Once again, we're putting on a show to change that. So, local bands, this is your big opportunity to increase your exposure. And all we need from you is your demo (music, bio and anything else you've got). We'll pick our top 10 submissions, and then readers will listen to the finalists and vote for their favorites. The top vote-getters will headline a free concert May 4 at Hard Rock Cafe.

Don't delay! The sooner you submit, the sooner we can consider you for our annual local band bash. Entries must be postmarked by March 30. Want to submit electronically? Send submissions (music, color hi-res photos, etc.) to mpais@tribune.com by April 4 and show us why you rock!

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SPRING MOVIE MADNESS

15 FLICKS TO HOLD YOU OVER UNTIL SUMMER



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As we all know by now, “summer movie season” actually means “the first week of May,” when the first big-budget blockbuster hopeful arrives—yelling and pounding and begging for us to see it. This year that noisemaker is “Thor,” dropping his hammer May 6.

Fortunately, a pretty decent-looking (or at least noteworthy) crop of films will fill the space between the blah late-winter movie season and the summer-which-is-really-late-spring season. With that, our spring preview begins. **HANDOUT PHOTOS**



‘Sucker Punch’ *Opening Friday*
Director Zack Snyder has delivered either moronic movies advanced by good trailers (“Watchmen,” “300”) or flat-out terrible movies barely tolerable for the length of a trailer (“Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga’hoole”). Is his latest over-stylized epic, in which a young girl (Emily Browning) dreams about escaping her real life into a more exciting, controllable fantasy world, any better?

» Read Matt’s review in Friday’s RedEye or at redeyechicago.com.

‘Hop’ *April 1*
Oh great, the director of “Alvin and the Chipmunks” is helming another part-animated, part-live action family comedy in which an actor (this time, James Marsden) embarrasses himself while trying to keep up with an energetic critter (this time, a rabbit who doesn’t want to be the Easter Bunny, voiced by Russell Brand). If this has two laughs, I’ll be surprised.





'Hanna' April 8

Yes, it's another movie about a young girl trained to be a deadly weapon (hello, "Kick-Ass"). Perhaps the re-teaming of Saoirse Ronan and director Joe Wright ("Atonement") will help the filmmaker shake off the stink of "The Soloist."

'Your Highness' April 8

Another stoner comedy from director David Gordon Green ("Pineapple Express")? Another oddball role for James Franco? A starring role for Danny McBride, playing a lazy prince who needs to save his father's kingdom? I'm totally in, with extra points for the presence of Zoëy Deschanel and recent Oscar winner Natalie Portman, already appearing in her third movie of the year. Busy gal.



'Soul Surfer' April 8

It was only a matter of time until the real-life story of Bethany Hamilton (AnnaSophia Robb, above), the rising surfing star who lost her left arm in a shark attack, hit the big screen. Casting Carrie Underwood in a supporting role was less inevitable, but whether the "American Idol" winner (whose only acting experience was on "How I Met Your Mother") can hold her own shouldn't detract from the movie's predictably tear-jerking power.

'Arthur' April 8

Uh, what a stretch it will be to believe Russell Brand as a drunken ladies' man who falls for someone his family doesn't like. What could make this remake of the 1981 Dudley Moore film interesting is Helen Mirren as Arthur's nanny and Greta Gerwig ("Greenberg") as his love interest, competing with the well-cast Jennifer Garner as the woman Arthur's supposed to marry.



'Insidious' April 1

Director James Wan and writer Leigh Whannell ("Saw") return with a fright flick about a kid in a mysterious coma and a house that might be haunted. On the bright side, the filmmakers now have actors (Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne) who can do a lot more with weak material than, say, Cary Elwes.

'Source Code' April 1

An experimental program allows a soldier (Jake Gyllenhaal) to zoom back in time to investigate a Chicago-area train bombing and try to prevent another terrorist attack. Problems: He can work for only eight minutes at a time before returning to the present, and a cutie on the train (Michelle Monaghan) is distracting him. Focus, Jake, the city needs you!



'Scream 4' April 15

What's scarier: Resurrecting a horror franchise that went out on an awful note with "Scream 3," or being reminded of the horrible end to the real-life marriage of Courteney Cox (above) and David Arquette while watching them co-star? At the least, Emma Roberts, Hayden Panettiere, Alison Brie, Kristen Bell, Anna Paquin and Aimee Teegarden guarantee the movie won't lack for eye candy.

'Rio' April 15

Good: Perpetually nervous Oscar nominee Jesse Eisenberg ("The Social Network") voices a bird who's afraid to fly. Bad: The 3-D animated film comes from the makers of the "Ice Age" series, which went from mediocre to bad to unbearable. No, the "voice talents" of George Lopez don't make me feel better.



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'Water for Elephants' April 22

Robert Pattinson ("Twilight") tries to prove he can do more than brood in this adaptation of the best-selling book about a tumultuous circus, which also stars Oscar winners Reese Witherspoon and Christoph Waltz. Director Francis Lawrence ("Constantine," "I Am Legend") isn't exactly known for drama or subtlety, but perhaps his third feature will be the charm.



'Madea's Big Happy Family'

April 22

After spending an intensive year at film school, Tyler Perry promises his new film will be sophisticated and free of the wild tonal inconsistencies he's known for. No, not really.



'Fast Five' April 29

Because the world so desperately needs another macho action flick about Vin Diesel and Paul Walker driving very quickly, the movie not only exists, it also stars Ludacris and Dwayne Johnson. Is there a reason to expect more than the diminishing returns found in the last few "Fast" movies? Not really.

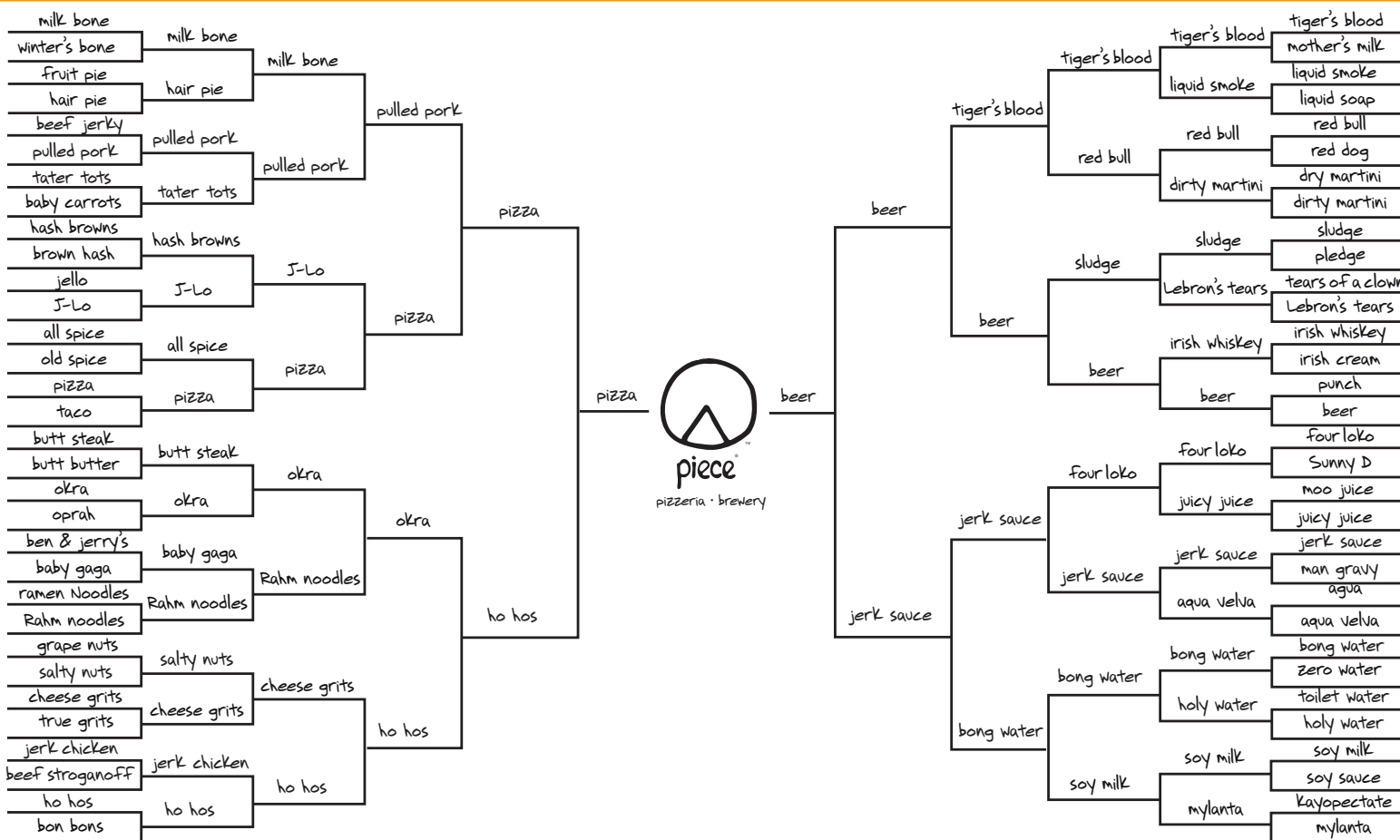
'Prom' April 29

Admittedly our interest in this Disney flick has a lot to do with the first starring role for "Friday Night Lights" alum Aimee Teegarden. No one will expect "Prom" to be anything other than a teen girl fantasy, but if Disney's going to churn out uplifting, family-friendly stories, it's wise to get someone who can actually act (take a hike, Miley).

'Incendies' April 29

This Oscar-nominated Canadian drama about twins searching for the father they thought was dead and the brother they never knew existed is the best movie I've seen so far this year. Get excited! —MATT PAIS;

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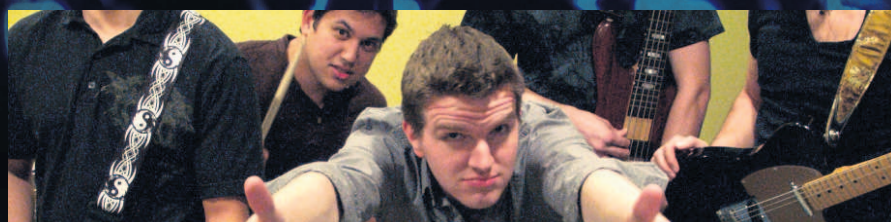
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A heads-up: Hats are hot

Contra Costa Times

Jason Ursua has been sporting baseball caps his whole life. But about two years ago, the 28-year-old expanded his hat collection to include cadet caps and wool fedoras. He now owns 10 "grown up" hats from Berkeley, Calif.'s Goorin Bros., and tosses them on to complete his evening looks.

"It's a fresh, mature look," said Ursua, of Pinole, Calif. "And everyone's wearing them now."

He's right. From the recent runway shows of Milan and Paris to the men of hip-hop and Hollywood, hats are hot. But the current hat culture is different from that of the pre-1960s, when men didn't leave the house without a long brim fedora. Experts say it was more about conformity and etiquette then, and that today's man wears hats—from bombers and fedoras to cadets and newsboys—to showcase his style and individuality.

"You'd be surprised how many guys I see at the mall in jeans, a T-shirt and a fedora," said Rick Callender, co-owner of Jorcal Hat Co. in San Jose.

"In mid-2008, I was looking at stars who wear hats, like Usher, Brad Pitt and Justin Timberlake," said Callender, who sells a lot of driving caps at the moment. "And it was then that I said, 'This accessory is going to make a comeback.'"



Assistant store manager Chris Brodell tends to the hats at the Goorin Bros. Hat Shop in Berkeley, Calif. Men's hats are making a huge fashion comeback this spring. **mcr**

HAT WEAR 101

First time hat shopper? Follow these simple rules from Macy's Torres of Goorin Bros. in Berkeley, Calif., to find your perfect hat.

» **Placement.** Make sure the hat sits at your ears, not above or below them.

» **Fit.** Most hats stretch over time, so make sure it fits snugly on your head.

» **Proportion.** You might think big cheeks or a long nose means you can't wear a certain hat. Not true. Try it on or ask a salesperson to help you find a hat that is proportional to your face.

» **Seasons.** Just like clothes, hat-makers release hats seasonally, but you can rock a wool or felt fedora year round.

» **Mood.** You can change the feel of your hat by wearing it differently. Wearing a fedora on the back of the head makes it casual. Tilted on top of the head with the rim flipped down gives a more mysterious, dressed-up look.

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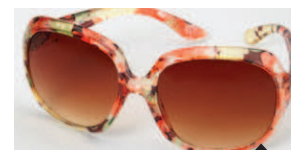
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The one-two punch of TBS talk shows “Conan” and “Lopez Tonight” have in four months won over a key TV audience: young viewers.

The shows have become the late-night choice for viewers with an average age of 32—a coveted demographic for most advertisers.

It's not even a close race with the major network late-night shows. The average age of a Jay Leno or David Letterman viewer is 56. Jimmy Kimmel—the youngest of the five major late-night talk show hosts at 43—attracts an audience that averages 51 years old.

What's making the unusual TBS pairing work with young viewers has a lot to do with being on cable, where the hosts have found fewer restrictions on their comedy. Network talk shows have to contend with corporate executives and work under the tight restrictions of the Federal Communication Commission. Cable programs don't have those tight rules.

O'Brien was glad to throw off the network constrictions once he moved to cable.

“I came to this show thinking I just want

to go for it in every single way creatively, and I don't want to overthink things. If someone has an idea and it sounds like ‘Gee, I haven't seen that before,’ we try it,” O'Brien said. “What's nice is we are partnered with people who have encouraged that since day one.”

O'Brien seems to have come through the talk show hell that took him from the ecstasy of hosting “The Tonight Show” to the anguish of being forced out when Jay Leno's 9 p.m. series fell apart.

O'Brien's show is the laid-back part of this talk tandem. Lopez brings the lunacy. Lopez, who started his show in November 2009, could have been upset by O'Brien's arrival. It bumped his show to 11 p.m. But the later slot is a better fit for his party feel, and Lopez thinks the teaming should have some longevity.

The change also allowed him to make his show even edgier—from jokes to guests.

“It's a nice partnership. We are both guys who haven't turned 50 yet ...,” he said. “They don't put on air-conditioning this extravagant for a show that's not going to be around a long time.”

WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WATCH

“Conan” and “Lopez Tonight” attract the youngest audience of the late-night talk shows. Here is the average age of viewers for each show.



32

‘Conan’
(10 p.m. TBS)



32

‘Lopez Tonight’
(11 p.m. TBS)



51

‘Jimmy Kimmel Live’
(11 p.m. ABC)



56

‘Late Show with David Letterman’
(10:35 p.m. CBS)



56

‘The Tonight Show with Jay Leno’
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'Gone'

Nelly and Kelly Rowland

Nelly and Kelly Rowland are certainly hoping lightning strikes twice with Nelly's new single, "Gone." Like their 2002 smash "Dilemma," "Gone" finds Nelly and Kelly in throwback-soul mode, with an R&B ballad that keeps the modern trappings to a minimum and focuses on the melody like they were the new-millennium Ashford and Simpson. Simple can be effective, and they have the balance right here. "Gone" definitely is going places.

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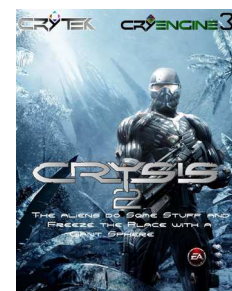
TV
'Community' 7 p.m. Thursday, NBC

Royales with cheese for everyone! In "Critical Film Studies," Jeff (Joel McHale) plans a "Pulp Fiction"-themed surprise birthday party for Abed (Chicago's Danny Pudi). The study group arrives at the restaurant decked out as their favorite "Pulp" characters—Shirley with facial hair, Britta in a wig and Pierce in full-body, um. You'll have to tune in. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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VIDEO GAMES
'Crisis 2'
Xbox 360,
PS3, PC

It's only March, but blockbuster shooters already are filling the shelves—"Bulletstorm," "Homefront" and now "Crisis 2." On the surface, the sequel to a 2007 PC-only game "Crisis" sounds pretty generic: Another set of space marines kick butt wearing super-powered armor suits. But where the game fails in originality, it more than makes up in its jaw-droppingly beautiful graphics and game-play options. While the campaigns of the "Call of Duty" games feel more like an inter-active movie because of the tightly scripted action, "Crisis 2" grants way more freedom in deciding how to get from Point A to Point B. Add a compelling multiplayer mode and you have an early candidate for best action game of the year. **RYAN SMITH FOR REDEYE**
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Pressure's on for upcoming movie adaptations to stick to the script

Benicio Del Toro probably didn't have to read up too much for this one. After playing similar roles in "Traffic" and "Che," the Puerto Rican actor is in talks to play a drug cartel enforcer in the movie version of "Savages." Based on the Don Winslow novel, "Savages" is about two marijuana growers who run afoul of a cartel enforcer, who would be played by Del Toro, **deadline.com** reports.

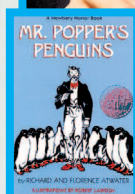
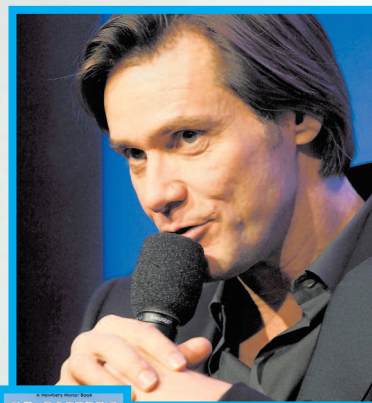
Movie adaptations of popular books are nothing new, but fans increasingly are holding Hollywood accountable to do the written word justice. Here are some other actors who will need to be on their toes on the big screen. **REDEYE, TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED**



'A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE' SERIES
Sean Bean

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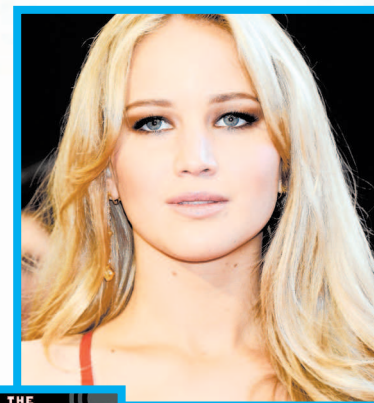
Role: Bean will play one of the central roles on HBO's "Game of Thrones," the adaptation of George R.R. Martin's epic fantasy novels: Eddard Stark, lord of Winterfell. Fan anticipation has been very high.



'MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS'
Jim Carrey

June 17

Role: Mr. Popper, of course! We were delighted as kids by Richard and Florence Atwater's story of a man who turns his home into a giant penguin igloo after inheriting a bird. Plenty of slippery high jinks are sure to come.



'THE HUNGER GAMES'
Jennifer Lawrence

March 23, 2012

Role: Young eyes will be rapt on "Winter's Bone" star Lawrence, who will star as bow-wielding heroine Katniss Everdeen in a planned trilogy based on Suzanne Collins' novels. This might just be the next "Twilight."



'THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO'
Rooney Mara/
Daniel Craig

Dec. 21

Role: It's Sweden vs. the U.S. on this one—the international adaptation of Stieg Larsson's novel was released to much acclaim in 2009. "Social Network" girlfriend Mara stars as the titular tattooed/pierced/punk girl Lisbeth Salander, and Craig takes on the role of hunky intrepid journalist Mikael Blomkvist.

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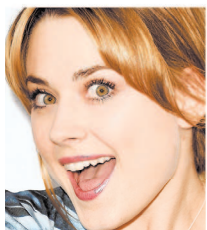
Meet Eva.

Eva is a 20 year old student from Arcata, California. She is a classically trained ballerina and her best friend is Sir Link, a strange looking Pharoah Hound. She is wearing the Cable Knit Pullover in Burgundy with cotton panties and the Unisex Nub Ribbed Knee-High Sock.



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Fashion and felons

Is this an early April Fools' joke? The CW is filming a Chicago-based pilot for "Cooper & Stone," a new series about "two smart female

detectives on Chicago's North Side who are best friends, equally adept at discussing fashion, music and pop culture as they are solving homicides." Though the plot summary sounds like a line out of "The Onion," the show is real: The Tribune's Luis Arroyave reports the cast, which includes Alex Breckenridge and Vanessa Ferlito, was spotted Tuesday filming in Lincoln Park.

'Morning' after

Chris Brown likely will not be charged in connection with an outburst in his dressing room after his interview Tuesday on "Good Morning America." On Wednesday, his "GMA" interviewer, Robin Roberts, invited Brown back and said she wished him the best. Think she'd ask about Rihanna again?

Playtime with Playboy

Hey, ladies. Whether you want to be in Playboy or just meet a Playmate, the magazine has two events for you. Playboy is hosting a girls-only cocktail party hosted by Crystal McCahill—aka Miss May 2009—from 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 5 at Roof in the Loop. The mag also is holding a modeling casting call April 13-14. Visit playboycastingcalls.com for all the details.



Samberg

They're still friends

Rashida Jones (right) is getting divorced, but it's not as bad as it sounds. The "Parks and Recreation" actress will star opposite "Saturday

Night Live" comedian Andy Samberg in "Celeste and Jesse Forever," a movie co-written by Jones about a couple that is splitting up but wants to remain friends, the Los Angeles Times reports. We're interested ...

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Well, this isn't exactly a creative stretch for Snoop Dogg (left). The Doggfather and Wiz Khalifa (below) will team up for a stoner comedy called "High School," Rolling Stone reports. "We're going to try ... to enlighten people," Khalifa said, "not just get everybody high." Fo shizzle.

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THE DIGIT

For real? MTV has extended "The Real World" two more seasons, which will extend the show's run to 28 seasons, according to thr.com. The original "Real World" cast could not be reached at their retirement homes for comment.

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